

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE  
MEETING MINUTES  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** City Council Government Center, Room 9081

**Council Members Present:**

Sacheen Smith, Interim-Vice Chair  
Daniel Strones  
Karen Cushnyr  
Matthew Loehman  
Sean King  
Jane Volkmer  
Adena Martinez

**City Staff Present:**

Patricia Padrino, Assistant City Attorney and outgoing-ADA Coordinator  
Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Advisory Council Attorney  
Danyel Mayer, Paralegal and minute taker

**Member of the Public:**

Debra McKenna

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by interim Vice Chair Smith at approximately 5:36 p.m. with all seven council members participating.

**ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Member Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 4, 2019 meeting and Member King seconded the motion. Member Loehman abstained from approving the June 2019 meeting minutes since he did not attend the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by the other council members.

**ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS**

Interim Vice Chair Smith asked that everyone in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

#### **ITEM 4: ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR FOR THE ADA COUNCIL**

Member Cushnyr nominated Member King for the Chair position. There were no other interested council members for the Chair position. The following members voted for Member King to become Chair of the ADA Advisory Council:

*For: Cushnyr, Strones, Loehman, Smith, Martinez and Volkmer*

Upon nominations duly made and seconded, Member King was elected to become the Chair beginning September 1, 2019.

#### **ITEM 5: ELECTION OF A NEW VICE CHAIR FOR THE ADA COUNCIL**

Member King nominated Member Smith for the Vice Chair position. Member Strones nominated himself for the position. The members voted as follows:

*For Member Strones: Cushnyr and Martinez*

*For Member Smith: Loehman, King, and Volkmer*

Upon nominations duly made and seconded, Member Smith was elected to become the Vice Chair beginning September 1, 2019.

#### **ITEM 6: SERVICE ANIMAL FOLLOW UP**

Member Cushnyr gave an update regarding service animals and the projects she continues to work on. Member Cushnyr continues her work to ensure: persons traveling with pets through the Sunport are required to keep their pets in a carrier until they reach their destination, greeter dogs and their handlers stay out of the way of service animals at the Sunport, and pets not be allowed on buses.

#### **ITEM 7: CELEBRATION OF ADA MONTH IN OCTOBER**

The members discussed ideas to celebrate ADA during the month of October. The members proposed the following ideas:

- Set up a booth at UNM's Society of Engineer's dance that is scheduled to take place during the last week of October (Member Strones);
- Distribute flyers highlighting disability awareness and post them at places like UNM's Disability Resource Center and UNM Hospital (Member Martinez);

- Host a talk or conference with local business owners on how to make their businesses more accessible (Member King);
- Participate in the Attorney General's Disability Summit if it is held again this year (Member Cushnyr);
- Invite the Mayor and City Councilors to take a ride on Sun Van or a walking tour of the Civic Plaza so that they could take a walk in the life of a person with a disability (Member Volkmer); and
- Show a video on Civic Plaza (Interim Vice Chair Smith).

### **ITEM 8: OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO INVITE TO FUTURE MEETINGS**

Interim Vice Chair Smith explained that the Departments of Cultural Services and Transit have been invited to attend a future meeting. Other City departments the members would like to invite to a future meeting included:

- Albuquerque Police Department (APD) (Member Strones);
- City Council President Klarissa Peña (Member Martinez);
- Department of Senior Affairs (Member Volkmer);
- Albuquerque Fire and Rescue (AFR) to talk about their Home Engagement and Alternative Response Team (H.E.A.R.T) which works with patients who have a history of repeat utilization of 911 EMS and helps connect them to appropriate medical and social services to reduce the reliance on 911 (Mr. Leuschel); and
- Wheelchair companies like NuMotion (Member Martinez).

### **ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS**

Member King will not be able to attend the August 6, 2019 ADA Advisory Council meeting.

Ms. Padrino advised that she will no longer be the ADA Council's ADA Coordinator. Mr. Hummel will resume the role as the council's ADA Coordinator on an interim basis.

Interim Vice Chair Smith was recently contacted by a KRQE reporter about service animals at the Sunport. She is going to direct the reporter to Member Cushnyr for further information.

The members discussed the possibility of doing site visits at Civic Plaza, Balloon Fiesta Park, and the library at 5<sup>th</sup> and Copper.

Interim Vice Chair Smith asked if any of the members would be interested in attending a future City Council meeting. Member Martinez said she would like to attend a City Council meeting.

Member Martinez volunteered to help keep the ADA Advisory Council's Facebook page updated. The Facebook page was previously used to post meeting agendas, and Member Cushnyr recommended the council continue to do that since the page reaches a wide audience.

**ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

***Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.***

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**Sacheen Smith, Interim Vice Chair**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_